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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 8 November 1957

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- October 1957

ADMINISTRATION

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1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 31 October was []

2. During the month, Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Division Chief, presented an "FDD Progress Report" to each of the branches outlining the history of the Division, the achievements over the past year, and the plans for the coming year.

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3. [] attended the Budget Officer Conference [] on 28 and 29 October.

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4. On 25 October, Chief, FDD, discussed with [] of the Clandestine Services Career Service Board tentative plans for rotation of personnel between FDD and the DD/P area offices.

5. An unannounced fire drill was held in [] on 11 October.

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6. Intensive Russian Reading Class IX began on 29 October with one student.

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7. [] was designated Chief of the M-Building Linguist Staff for a six-month period, vice [] on 28 October.

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8. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at Intelligence Orientation Course No. 14 on 7 October.

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9. [] Chief, Reference Control Section, Industrial Register/OCR, and a group of IR personnel were briefed on FDD operations by the Deputy Division Chief on 15 October.

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OPERATIONS

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1. The 87th meeting of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign-Language Publications was held on 18 October.

[redacted] gave a detailed report on his visit to the Far East where he surveyed exploitation activities. The Subcommittee completed the survey of the Far East program. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 November when the scientific and technical exploitation program will be reviewed.

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4. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 49 cases of duplication totaling 4,600 pages.

5. On 28 October discussions were held with Mr. John Green and Mr. John Weber of Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce, on the proposed program in OTS of establishing a translation clearing house on scientific and technical material for U. S. business and industry.

6. In view of the recent scientific and political developments in the USSR, the need for acquiring leading Moscow publications more speedily was called to the attention of Acquisitions Branch/CIA Library which has taken steps to seek more expeditious delivery of Krasnaya Zvezda, Pravda, and Izvestiya.

7. Within 72 hours of receipt of the original Russian source, the Division translated and published 200 copies of a 379-page symposium of articles on artificial earth satellites and related research for the use of the U. S. delegation at the IGY Earth Satellite Conference in Washington on 3 October.

Another urgent project involving tapes of the Mrs. Roosevelt-Krushchev interview was completed on 19 and 20 October by nine FDD personnel.

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8. An extensive records survey in USSR Branch resulted in the disposition of 50 linear feet of material and the release of five safes and five filing cabinets.

9. Commendations

From Chief, TSS, DD/P, for German-language assistance provided by [redacted]

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From AD/O, for the nine members of the Division who participated in the priority translation of Mrs. Roosevelt's interview with Krushchev.

From AD/RR, an appreciation for the highly valuable FDD Translation No. 647 - "USSR Industry, A Statistical Compilation."

From AD/SI, for the emergency translation and reproduction of Russian scientific papers presented by the Soviet delegation at the IGY Earth Satellite Conference. Approximately [redacted] of the Division's Russian linguists and about [redacted] of the Division's Reports Branch personnel and Clerical Staff were cited.

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From DD/Administration, PS/DCI, for efficient completion of a crash translation project performed by [redacted] now of OTR, also participated.

10. Liaison activities (Other than CIA):

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With Division of Research for Near East, South Asia, and Africa, Mr. Robert Baum, to discuss discontinuing scheduled exploitation of the Afrikaans press; it was agreed that the English-language survey published in the Union of South Africa provides adequate area coverage.

With Division of Research for Far East, Mr. C. L. Sterner, to discuss FDD support for NIS studies on China.

U. S. Information Service

With Production Division, Mr. J. E. Bradshaw, to clarify USIA requirements for information on Indonesia.

11. Special services rendered

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Office of Training -- Prepared a Hungarian language test for the language incentive program.

DCI -- For the Office of the DCI made a reverse translation, English into [] of a seven-page lease agreement.

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12. Outstanding reports

FDD Summary No. 1547 -- World Summary of International Communist Developments (57) (lead article, "Soviet Philosophers Jeopardize Marxist Philosophy," underscores serious weakness in Marxist philosophical premise)

FDD Summary No. 1461 -- Report on USSR Ministries (12) - Organization of Soviet Machine Building Industry April 1954 - May 1957 (traces detailed evolution of organization and functions of this industry since time of Stalin's death)

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FDD Summary No. 1514 -- East German Aircraft Industry, 1956 (comprehensive review of the industry, some hard figures)

[] Population of Rumania in the Light of Provisional Results of the 21 February 1956 Census (gives population by cities, sexes, and occupations; first time such information has been available)

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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions